Pre-Job/POD Safety Briefing

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INTRODUCTION

- Pre-job or Plan-of-the-Day briefing required prior to work activities
- Safety Brief needed for
 - Work scope
 - Specific hazards
 - Completion requirements

Introduction (Continued)

- Safety brief may also contain
 - Project Schedule
 - Job Duration
 - Reason for task
 - Pertinent site-specific information

Definitions

- Pre-Job Briefing: Initial presentation of jobrelated information given to those identified in work package
- Plan-of-the-Day Briefing: Work details and safety information for that day's activities. Conducted for
 - Work Packages continuing more than 1 day
 - Routine work with no Work Package

Briefing Development & Presentation

- Important and effective Briefing can determine success/safety of job
- Responsibility of Field Superintendent, Craft Supervisor, Field Engineer or designee
- Can be assisted by Safety, QA, RadCon or others

Briefing Development & Presentation (Cont.)

- Personnel conducting briefing should:
 - Review/identify overall task instructions
 - Review RWP requirements for ALARA considerations
 - Cover specific safety issues with job scope
 - Cover in detail any changed conditions
 - Ensure all required personnel are present

Briefing Development & Presentation (Cont.)

- Provide applicable work condition details:
 - Specialized tools
 - Chemical Hazards MSDS
 - Hold, witness or verification points
 - Contingency planning
 - Lessons Learned

Briefing Presentation

- Conduct in informal, spontaneous, 2-way communication style
- Encourage participation
- Establish open, responsive teamwork atmosphere
 - Don't let discussion lose focus
 - Be courteous, yet direct
 - Avoid vague, indecisive answers

Briefing Presentation (Cont.)

- No known definitive answer, say so
- Determine correct response, making sure to close loop
- Ensure method for documenting lessons learned is understood

Conclusion

- One of most effective methods for communicating work program information is Pre-Job and/or Plan-of-the-Day
- Must be well organized and delivered in confident, clear, decisive manner
- Preparation is the key -- Give it the attention it needs!